

**From:** [Engelman, Alexa](#)  
**To:** [Darman, Leslie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: EPA 3/9 letter to DOGGR/State Board now on our webpage  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 3:26:16 PM

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Hi Leslie, I just finished listening to a 3 hr (!) state senate hearing on the DOGGR Class II issue. Here is a link to the letter that just went live today.

Thanks for sending the info on the guidance question, I will look it over now.

Best,  
Alexa

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**From:** Rao, Kate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 12:22 PM  
**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne; Dermer, Michele; Mogharabi, Nahal; Montgomery, Michael; Albright, David; Maier, Brent; Diamond, Jane  
**Cc:** Keener, Bill; Zito, Kelly; Quast, Sylvia; Moffatt, Brett; Engelman, Alexa; Kao, Jessica  
**Subject:** EPA 3/9 letter to DOGGR/State Board now on our webpage

March 9 – EPA letter is now our EPA webpage at: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/mediacenter/uic-review/index.html>

I am working with David to make updates to the opening text on the webpage. Will let you know when that is revised.

Kate

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**From:** Rao, Kate  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 12:01 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Quick Comms Strat for UIC letter distribution

I am putting it on our webpage now. Will notify all when it is there.

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**From:** Skadowski, Suzanne

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I've also had media requests for the letter today. And it's on DOGGR's website:

<ftp://ftp.consrv.ca.gov/pub/oil/UIC%20Files/UIC%20-%20SDWA%20Compliance%20Ltr%203-9-15.pdf>

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### Underground Injection Control (UIC) News and Information

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#### Letter to US EPA Dated February 6, 2015

California regulatory authorities on Friday, February 6, submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a plan to correct deficiencies in the regulation of underground injection. The response included a 12-page letter, prepared by the Department of Conservation (DOC) and the State Water Resources Control Board, and four supporting documents, all of which are linked below. The plan focuses on the enhanced protection of California aquifers from contamination due to oil and gas production.

[United States Environmental Protection Agency's Response to February 6, 2015 Letter Regarding Underground Injection Control](#)

[February 6, 2015 Letter from the Department of Conservation and State Water Resources Control Board responding to US EPA re Underground Injection Control](#)

[December 22, 2014 Letter from US EPA to Department of Conservation and State Water](#)

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**From:** Dermer, Michele  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 11:50 AM  
**To:** Mogharabi, Nahal; Skadowski, Suzanne; Montgomery, Michael; Albright, David; Rao, Kate; Maier, Brent; Diamond, Jane  
**Cc:** Keener, Bill; Zito, Kelly; Quast, Sylvia; Moffatt, Brett; Engelman, Alexa; Kao, Jessica  
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Not my decision, but its already on the DOGGR website.

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**From:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 11:49 AM  
**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne; Montgomery, Michael; Dermer, Michele; Albright, David; Rao, Kate; Maier, Brent; Diamond, Jane  
**Cc:** Keener, Bill; Zito, Kelly; Quast, Sylvia; Moffatt, Brett; Engelman, Alexa; Kao, Jessica  
**Subject:** RE: Quick Comms Strat for UIC letter distribution

I'm getting media requests for the letter as its being mentioned in today's hearing.

Are we good to send the letter? Let me know.

Thanks,

Nahal

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**From:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015 10:23 AM  
**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne; Montgomery, Michael; Dermer, Michele; Albright, David; Rao, Kate; Maier, Brent; Diamond, Jane  
**Cc:** Keener, Bill; Zito, Kelly; Quast, Sylvia; Moffatt, Brett; Engelman, Alexa; Kao, Jessica  
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Thanks, Mike.

David, can you let us know when you've sent to Peter/Ron so that we know the rollout has been

triggered.

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**From:** Skadowski, Suzanne

**Sent:** Monday, March 09, 2015 4:30 PM

**To:** Montgomery, Michael; Dermer, Michele; Albright, David; Rao, Kate; Maier, Brent; Diamond, Jane

**Cc:** Keener, Bill; Zito, Kelly; Quast, Sylvia; Moffatt, Brett; Engelman, Alexa; Kao, Jessica; Mogharabi, Nahal

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**From:** Montgomery, Michael

**Sent:** Monday, March 09, 2015 4:24 PM

**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne; Dermer, Michele; Albright, David; Rao, Kate; Maier, Brent; Diamond, Jane

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Hi all –

Michele, David, Suzanne and I just chatted and came up with this:

Today

UIC letter to State went out via email from Michelle D at 2:30pm today

Letter to State Leg w cover letter (so they have it before hearing) – Brent sent today at 4pm

Tomorrow

HQ – David to send to Peter G/Ron B plus others Tuesday a.m.

Fed leg that have expressed interest – Brent to send Tuesday a.m. w invitation to schedule a call

Press that have expressed interest – Suzanne **+ Nahal** to send Tuesday noon

Post letter to web site – Kate Tuesday noonish

Kate to update FAQs w additional FAQ re cyclic steam from David/Michele and circulate – COB Tuesday

Thanks!

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